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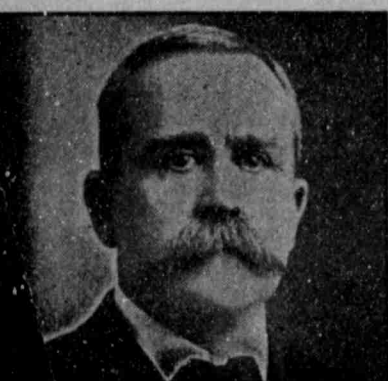
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YOUNG MEN

Have Filled High Places
During the Nation's
History.

While boys who are attending schools and colleges are enjoying their Christmas vacation it might be well for them to look ahead and consider what their life work is to be. The history of the United States shows that it is no uncommon thing for young men to achieve national fame and to be entrusted with important public functions. It is possible that at the present time the average age of local or municipal officers is less than formerly, but it is a fact that the high offices of the States and the nation have from the first often been held by young men.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence when he was only thirty-three years old, and entered the Virginia Legislature when he was twenty-six.

Alexander Hamilton was only twenty-five when he entered Congress and became a member of Washington's Cabinet at thirty-two. James Madison, who later became President, was a Congressman at twenty-nine; John Randolph at twenty-six and John Quincy Adams was only twenty-seven years old when appointed Minister to the Netherlands.

George Washington was appointed Adjutant General of the Virginia troops when only nineteen years old. At twenty-four he received the chief command of the Virginia forces, and was only forty-three when he assumed command of the American army at Cambridge.

Daniel Webster entered Congress at the age of thirty-one. Henry Clay was appointed United States Senator at twenty-nine, or before he had arrived at constitutional age. He was elected Speaker of the national House of Representatives at thirty-four. John C. Calhoun entered the South Carolina Legislature at twenty-six. Congress at twenty-nine, and at thirty-five was appointed Secretary of War, an office he held for seven years.

Andrew Jackson was only fourteen years old when he carried a flintlock musket in the Revolutionary war, and at twenty-three was appointed United States District Attorney for Tennessee. At thirty he was United States Senator, but did not become President of the nation until he was sixty-two years old.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Mary Baum, a respected matron of the East End, died at the family residence, 850 Vine street, on Monday morning. She had been ill a long time and death was not unexpected. She is survived by the following children: Edward, Peter, Henry and Fred Baum, and Mrs. Anna Schwaniger and Mrs. Theresa Willinghurst. The funeral took place from Holy Trinity church on Wednesday morning. The large attendance showed the esteem in which she was held.

After suffering four months from a complication of diseases Mrs. Catherine Putz, aged fifty-four years, died at her home, 2314 St. Cecilia street, on Tuesday morning. The following children survive: Mesdames William Blake, Andrew Bremer, Edward Zickel and Miss Mamie John and George Putz. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place from St. Cecilia's church on Wednesday morning.

WEDDED AT FRANKFORT.

Miss Lillian Frances Rogers and Raymond J. Weindel were united in marriage in the rectory of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Frankfort, on Sunday afternoon. The attendants were Mrs. J. L. Newman, a sister of the bride; Miss Elizabeth Lutkenheimer, J. F. Dolan and Culbert Weindel. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Thomas Major. After the ceremony a dinner was tendered the bridal party at Mrs. Newman's home. Mrs. Weindel is a native of Georgia, but has been spending several months with her sister in Frankfort. Mr. Weindel is engaged in business in Covington. He has taken his bride to that city to reside.

NEGRO STABBED PRIEST.

An unknown negro cut the Rev. Father Edward Weisner across the hand at Lexington on Christmas morning. Father Weisner is assistant pastor of St. Paul's church, and when he went to open the doors for early mass found the negro drunk and asleep in the vestibule. The priest undertook to eject the negro, who grew angry and stabbed him in the hand. Father Weisner's injury is not considered of a dangerous character.

PARIS' AUXILIARY.

One of the most enjoyable social functions of the season was that given by the Ladies' Auxiliary, A. O. H., of Paris, Ky., in honor of Miss Theresa McDermott, State Secretary, who spent the holidays with her mother. The Paris Auxiliary is a very enthusiastic body, and among its members are a number of splendid musicians. These with the Auxiliary Quartette rendered an excellent programme.

PRIEST VISITS PARENTS.

The Rev. Father James Gregoire, assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral at Vincennes, Ind., is spending the holidays in New Albany with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gregoire, of West Market street.

SALOONS ABSENT.

There is not one "saloon" in the entire New York City "Tenderloin." At least careful observation through that section of the city fails to show that sign.

RICE CAKES.

One cup boiled rice, four tablespoonfuls sugar, one-half teaspoonful cinnamon, one egg, one-quarter cup of milk and enough flour to make a soft batter. Fry in hot lard.

SELF-RENOUANCEMENT.

Teach me, O God, gladly to lack the things
That men most seek and crave, as
wealth and fame,
And wife and children, and the
crowd's acclaim,
And all to which the heart most
fondly clings;

That I may find the course whence
pure joys springs,
And make Thy love of all my life
sole aim.

With not a thought or wish to
thwart Thy claim
To my poor heart, which to Thee
nothing brings.

Who loves his life shall suffer loss
of it.

Who hates his life shall know the
life divine.

This is the truth we read in Holy
Writ.

This is the bread, the water and
the wine.

Of those who at Christ's blessed
table sit—

They taste, and ask of Him no
other sign.

—Archbishop J. Lancaster Spalding.

CENTRAL CROSS

Cardinal Manning's Tri-
bute to the Lamb
of God.

The late Cardinal Manning was
poetic in his prose. His every utter-
ance showed mature thought. In
one of his writings he said:

"In a place of justice, at Rome,
they take you sometimes into a cham-
ber with strangely painted frescoes
on the ceilings and around the walls
and upon the floor, in all kinds of
grotesque forms. You can not reduce
them to harmony, you can not make
out the perspective; it is all a be-
wildering maze of confusion. But
there is one spot upon the floor of
that room, and one only, standing
upon which every line falls into har-
mony, the perspective is perfect, the
picture flashes out upon you, instinct
with meaning in every line and panel.
You can see at that point, and at that
only the design of the artist that
painted it.

"I believe that this world is just
as bewildering a maze looked at from
every point except one. I look back
upon the records of history; I look
upon the speculations of science; I
endeavor to gaze into the future of
the world's career; wherever I
turn I am opposed by the mysteries
that haunt me in and crush me down,
until I take my stand at the foot of
the cross. Then darkness and discor-
d become lightened harmony; the
mystery is solved; the night that
shuts me in becomes radiant with
the divine light and glory. At the
foot of the cross, art, science, litera-
ture, history become at once to me a
divine, a glorious blessing. And so
I claim for my Lord his rightful
dominion over all the works of his
hands. We will gather all the beau-
ties of art, all the treasures of music,
all that is brightest and best in the
world, and we will lay them down
at his feet, for 'Worthy of the Lamb
that was slain to receive night, and
majesty, wisdom and riches, and
honor and glory.' His is the sceptre,
his is the right, his this universal
world."

THE TRUE MAN.

The true man is a valuable mem-
ber of society. He will make his
influence felt good in any place
with which he may be connected. He
is one who keeps his promise. No
bond is necessary from him; his
word is sufficient. He will be a
friend under all circumstances. He
will endeavor to aid in all things de-
serving. He will not let personal
interest cause him to desert a friend
in need. He will counsel, assist and
endeavor to advance his welfare.
There is no mere profession, or
hypocrisy in his composition. He is
true to every principle of noble
manhood. You know just where to
put him.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES.

Ever so often the query comes for
a list of wedding celebrations. It is
reprinted for the benefit of the
many who ask it:
First year—Cotton.
Second year—Paper.
Third year—Leather.
Fourth year—Wooden.
Fifth year—Woolen.
Sixth year—Silk and fine linen.
Seventh year—Crystal.
Eighth year—China.
Ninth year—Silver.
Tenth year—Pearl.
Eleventh year—Ruby.
Twelfth year—Diamond.

MEASURE WITHOUT SCALES.

The following table will be found
convenient when you are without
scales:
One fluid ounce contains two table-
spoonfuls.
One dram, or sixty drops, makes a
teaspoonful.
One rounded tablespoonful of
granulated sugar or two of flour
weigh one ounce.
One liquid gill equals four fluid
ounces.
One fluid ounce (one-quarter of a
gill) equals eight drams.
A piece of butter as large as a
small egg weighs two ounces.
Nine large or twelve small eggs
weigh one pound with the shells off.
One level teaspoonful of butter or
granulated sugar weighs half a
pound.
One quart sifted flour (well
heaped) weighs one pound.
A common sized tumbler holds
about one-half pint.
Four cups liquid, one quart.

IRISH PROVERBS.

A man is bothered until he is mar-
ried; then he is bothered entirely.
A kind word never broke a tooth.
Many a man's tongue has broken
his nose.
God never shuts one door but that
He opens two.
The silent mouth is melodious.
It is bad manners to talk of rope
in the house of a man whose father
was hanged.

GUARD CHILDREN

Make Home Pleasant Or
They Will Soon
Avoid It.

Keep the children in the house
these long evenings. In the large
cities and towns there are a thou-
sand temptations thrown out to lure
the young. If you would have your
sons learn all the manner of evil
and become corrupt allow them to
roam the streets after dark. It is
a certain road to ruin. Under cover
of the night and the influence of
evil companions they will see and
hear everything bad, immoral and
vulgar.

The street at night is the school
where the young are educated to be
loafers, gamblers, night-walkers and
thieves. Keep the children indoors,
and make the pleasures of homes so
attractive that they will seek no
other. Gather them around the
family table, give them books, mag-
azines, weekly papers, pictures,
music and social games. By a proper
use of these children may not only
gain knowledge and refinement with
pleasure, but they will serve not
alone as a guard but as the best and
surest guard against temptation to
less innocent enjoyment.

Many parents rid themselves of
their children's impatience by turn-
ing them away to do as they please,
rather than take the trouble of pro-
viding them with good Catholic
magazines and papers and other
agreeable and rational amusements.
Many a child goes astray not because
there is a want of care at home, but
simply because home is not a pleas-
ant place.

A child needs smiles as much as
flowers need sunbeams. If a thing
displeases they will avoid it. If home
is a place where faces and words are
cold and harsh and some one is al-
ways scolding, they will spend as
many hours as possible elsewhere.
Try and make home happy, and you
will save the children from the cor-
rupt influence of street compani-
ship, and the temptations which lurk
in the dark streets.

FIVE SWEET WORDS.

Five of the sweetest words in the
English language begin with the
letter H, which is only a breath. The
words are heart, hope, home, happi-
ness and heaven. Heart is a home-
place and home is a heart-place.
Hope is that virtue which makes us
look forward to our only real home
—which is beyond the grave. Happi-
ness is found in doing one's duty
each day and by safely guarding our
senses against evil and having the
best thing on earth, a clear con-
science. Heaven is the goal to which
we are tending and only by a good
heart, the blessings of a good home,
lit up by the hope of the future re-
ward and doing all in our power to
live up to the teachings of our holy
faith, shall we reach that only real
and true happiness in heaven. Young
readers, link these five words to-
gether, always strive to practice
what they teach, and life will be full
of flowers and blossoms instead of
weeds and thorns.

LEARN TO STAND WELL.

Women who wish to preserve the
slimness and contour of their fig-
ures must begin by learning to
stand well. This is explained to
mean the throwing forward and up-
ward of the chest, the flattening of
the back and the shoulder blades
held in their proper places and the
definite curving in of the small of
the back, thus throwing the whole
weight of the body on the hips. This
in a great measure preserves the
figure because it keeps the muscles
firm and well strung and prevents
the sinking down of the flesh round
the waist, so common in women over
thirty, which is perfectly easy to
escape. Another thing to avoid is
a bad habit of going upstairs, as
most women do, bent forward, with
the chest contracted, which, as well
as being an indolent, slouching man-
ner of walking, is injurious to the
heart and lungs.

THE GIRL A MAN MARRIES.

Much time before marriage is
wasted by girls in studying and
copying latest fashions in dress, in
rushing through every form of
amusement which comes near them.
All these hours could be utilized by
the wise girl who looks forward to
marriage. She could do an apron,
and take an intelligent brain, will-
ing hands and heart into her
mother's kitchen, and there learn
the duties and responsibilities that
belong to the successful manage-
ment of a house and home. Long
past are the days when the "help-
less girl" was considered to be the
fashion. A man wants a wife who
will not get into debt, who will
make his interests hers, and will
pull shouldered to shoulder with him
in the battle of life.

HE WAS RIGHT.

While reading out of a history to
his class of small pupils a teacher
came across the term "Right to the
bitter end," and after explaining its
meaning to them told them to each
write a short article using the words
"To the bitter end."
When she came to read them she
found that most of the pupils had
managed nicely, but one small boy
had written the following:
"Our dog saw Smith's cat yester-
day and chased her and she ran
under their porch, but before she
got clean under our dog bit her end."

"STEPPING WESTWARD."

Deal very gently with those who
are on the downhill of life. Your
own time is coming to be where
they now are. You are "stepping
westward." Soothe the restlessness
of age by amusement, by consid-
eration, by noninterference and by al-
lowing plenty of occupation to fall
into the hands of the long for it. But
let it be of their own choosing and
cease to order their ways for them
as though they were children.

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